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TO AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY LISBON

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PO, NE, US

SUBJECT: DUTCH ATTITUDE TOWARD MARIO SOARES

1. DUTCH EMBASSY FIRST SECRETARY DE JONGE CALLED ON DEPARTMENT MAY 8 TO DISCUSS VISIT TO THE HAGUE BY PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST LEADER MARIO SOARES. DURING THAT VISIT FOREIGN MINISTER HAD PROMISED SOARES THAT GON WOULD SUPPORT A PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT UNDER SOARES' LEADERSHIP AND THAT GON WOULD INFORM USG THAT IT CONSIDERED IT IMPORTANT TO "GIVE A HELPING HAND" TO A GOVERNMENT UNDER HIS LEADERSHIP. HE SAID FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD INSTRUCTED EMBASSY TO SO INFORM THE DEPARTMENT. IN ANSWER TO A QUESTION, DE JONGE SAID HE DID NOT READ HIS INSTRUCTION TO MEAN GON WAS SUPPORTING SOARES' CANDIDACY FOR PRIME MINISTERSHIP BUT SIMPLY THAT IF HE SHOULD BECOME PRIME MINISTER HIS GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE SUPPORTED.

2. DEPTOFF REPLIED THAT USG HAD GIVEN NO RPT NO ADVICE TO JUNTA WITH RESPECT TO INTERNAL PORTUGUESE AFFAIRS AND HAD NO RPT NO PLANS TO DO SO. WE EXPECTED TO HAVE CLOSE
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AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT

NO MATTER WHO ITS LEADER MIGHT BE. RUSH

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